

National Runaway Prevention Month: H. Res. 57, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Runaway Prevention Month”;

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150th Anniversary of the Grand Excursion of 1854: H. Con. Res. 44, to express support for the celebration in 2004 of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Excursion of 1854;

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Michael J. Healy Post Office Building in Bridgeview, Illinois: H.R. 825, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100th Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the “Michael J. Healy Post Office Building”;

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Floyd Spence Post Office Building in Lexington, South Carolina: H.R. 917, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the “Floyd Spence Post Office Building”; and

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James R. Merry Post Office in Linesville, Pennsylvania: H.R. 981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the “James R. Merry Post Office”.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following motions to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, March 27.

Public Need for Fasting and Prayer: H. Res. 153, recognizing the public need for fasting and prayer in order to secure the blessings and protection of Providence for the people of the United States and our Armed Forces during the conflict in Iraq and under the threat of terrorism at home; and

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Treatment of Prisoners of War Held by Iraqi Authorities: H. Con. Res. 118, concerning the treatment of members of the Armed Forces held as prisoner of war by Iraqi authorities.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:16 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened at 5:32 p.m.

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Expenses of Standing and Select Committees: The House agreed to H. Res. 163, providing amounts from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for continuing expenses of standing and select committees of the House from April 1, 2003, through April 11, 2003.

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Keeping Children and Families Safe Act: The House passed H.R. 14, to amend the Child Abuse

Prevention and Treatment Act to make improvements to and reauthorize programs under that Act. Subsequently the House passed S. 342, a similar Senate passed measure, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 14, as passed the House. H.R. 14 was then laid on the table.

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The bill was considered pursuant to the order of the House of March 25 and pursuant to that order, the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–26) modified by the amendments placed at the desk were considered as adopted. After passage of H.R. 14, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table S. 342, stricken all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 14, as passed the House.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE—ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Artificial Barriers to United States Agricultural Trade and Foreign Food Assistance. Testimony was heard from Speaker Hastert; Representative Wolf; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Deborah J. Daniels, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice; and Carl R. Peed, Director, Community Oriented Policing Services.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Les Brownlee, Under Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary; Maj. Gen. Robert H. Griffin,

USA., Director, both with Civil Works; Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, Army Corps of Engineers; and Robert Vining, Chief, Civil Works Programs Management Division.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the following: Export-Import Bank; U.S. Trade and Development Agency; and Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Testimony was heard from Philip Merrill, Chairman, Export-Import Bank; Peter Watson, President, OPIC; and Thelma Askey, Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held an oversight hearing on Everglades. Testimony was heard from Linda Blum, National Academy of Science; and Barry T. Hill and Susan Lott, both with GAO; and Ann Klee, South Florida Ecosystem Task Force.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Health Resources and Services Administration and on Substance Abuse Mental Health Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NIH, Department of Health and Human Services, Elizabeth J. Duke, M.D., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration; and Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA and HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—UNMANNED COMBAT VEHICLES PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programs. Testimony was heard from Dyke Weatherington, UAV Planning Task Force, Defense Systems, Air Warfare, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

WORKFORCE REINVESTMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 1261, Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003.

Will continue tomorrow.

MEDICARE REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 810, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003.

ACCOUNTANT, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT STAFFING ACT; DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 658, Accountant, Compliance, and Enforcement Staffing Act of 2003; and H.R. 1280, amended, Defense Production Act Reauthorization Act of 2003.

“MANAGEMENT AND THE PRESIDENT’S BUDGET”

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing on “Management and The President’s Budget.” Testimony was heard from Representative Sessions; Patricia A. Dalton, Director, Strategic Issues, GAO; Edward R. McPherson, Chief Financial Officer, USDA; and the following officials of the OMB: Angela B. Styles, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy; and Mark A. Forman, Associate Director, Information Technology and E-Government.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward Southeast Asia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Matthew P. Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Gordon

West, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID.

INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS OVERVIEW

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Human Rights held a hearing on Overview of International Terrorist Organizations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: J. Cofer Black, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator, Office of Counterterrorism; and E. Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 760, Partial-Birth Abortion Act of 2003.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

COLUMBIA ORBITER CREW MEMORIAL—ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY; ENHANCED SECURITY: POLICIES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

Committee on Science: Ordered reported H.R. 1297, to require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial to the crew of the *Columbia* Orbiter.

The Committee also held a hearing on Enhanced Security: Policies and Implications for Foreign Students and Scholars. Testimony was heard from Janis Jacobs, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Department of State; and public witnesses.

CERTAIN STEEL PRODUCTS—IMPACT OF SAFEGUARD ACTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the impact of the section 201 safeguard action on certain steel products. Testimony was heard from Representatives Visclosky, Hoekstra, Knollenberg, Manzullo, Stupak, Strickland, Kucinich, McCotter; Ney and Acevedo-Vilá; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Education, 9 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the General Accounting Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; to be followed by closed hearings (in Room SH-219), 10 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine compensation for disabled military retirees in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence support to warfighters, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2004, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine the implications of cloning on women's health, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine certain proposals with respect to electricity, including S. 475, to reform the nation's outdated laws relating to the electric industry, improve the operation of our transmission system, enhance reliability of our electric grid, increase consumer benefits from whole electric competition, and restore investor confidence in the electric industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to resume hearings to examine NATO Enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine health care transmission of global AIDS in Africa, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, the nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and McGregor William Scott, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of